

CASE OF MYRA ROSS

James Ross Transfers His Property, Presumably Because of Damage Suit

BIRL HAS HAD MANY TRIALS

Left Orphan at Early Age and Adopted by Family Who it is Claimed Treated Her Cruelly—Foster Father Sued by Girl's Brother, Serious Charges Being Preferred.

Special to Times-Republican.

Newton, Aug. 12.—Another sensation will be felt in the famous Myra C. Ross case, when it becomes known to the public that on last Monday, Aug. 7, her foster father, James M. Ross, deeded all his property to his wife, Mary Ross, the consideration being one dollar and love and affection. It is said that he was worth from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars.

The general surmise is that the transfer of the property was made to prevent collection of damages should a judgment be secured in the case brought against James Ross demanding damages in the sum of \$5,000 alleging that Ross was for three years criminally intimate with the girl who was then merely a child and under the age of consent.

The story of the life of this beautiful, innocent sixteen year old orphan girl, which has come to light in the past week, reads like a novel. Her father, whose name was Bales, died when she was less than two years of age, leaving a widow and nine children in the city of Des Moines. Her mother died about 1899 after which she was taken to the home of the friendless in Des Moines. In the spring of 1900 the managers of the home adopted her to James M. Ross and wife of Prairie City, where she has since lived.

Aside from the horrible story told in the damage suit petition, the neighbors describe many inhuman acts of cruelty on the part of the foster mother, such as striking her on the head with a stick of stove wood and the broom handle and often beating her until persons feared of bringing an action against them.

It is thought that after the foster parents had given their consent for her to leave their home and go to her sister in St. Louis she became afraid that she might some time tell of her inhuman and most horrible treatment and for this reason they had her arrested in Des Moines and then re-arrested and brought to Newton, for the purpose of preventing her from telling the facts which are alleged in her sworn petition.

The information was filed by the foster mother, Mary Ross, Aug. 3, and the girl brought to Newton Saturday, Aug. 5, the deed conveying all James Ross property to his wife purporting to have been signed Monday, Aug. 7, four days after his wife filed the information.

AGED WOMAN ELOPES.

Aaron Plum's Wife Runs Away With William Reckenberger.

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Davenport, Aug. 12.—That grandmothers will sometimes kick over the market traces and that age is no bar to Bro's shafts is focused before the public in the story of Aaron Plum, which was related at the police station this morning.

While Plum was telling the tale of his family troubles, Mrs. Plum 65 years of age, was confined at the house of detention under the care of Matron Hill, and word comes that William Reckenberger among the detained in the city of Muscatine.

The story told by the husband whose years have wandered long past the half century mark is one of a home broken up after long years of wedded life, an interloper who would his affections around the heart of the aged spouse, a flight to a far off western town and a return to Davenport only to find that the husband with the flaming sword of vengeance in his hand had arrived before them, an attempt to escape the clutches of the law only to be caught when the man had boarded the train, and the wife who about to depart, and last, confinement in closely barred cell instead of the walls of the home that she had left.

IOWA BOY GOES WRONG.

Ross Wade, Manager of Express Company, Arrested and Makes Confession.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 12.—Ross Wade, manager of the St. Louis office of the Electric Express Company, a son of C. W. Wade, of Fairfield, Iowa, with offices at 720 South Seventh street, was arrested Thursday night by Detective Cahill. He is charged with being about \$500 short in his accounts. J. M. Allen, president of the company, preferred the charges, and will apply for a warrant.

Wade, when taken to the Four Courts admitted a shortage of \$200, but stated that he did not think it would cost that sum. The "jingling of the money and the click of the dice" in a gambling resort on Collinsville avenue, East St. Louis, heard by Wade one evening about two months ago, when he visited the place to take a drink with a friend, he stated, led to the downfall. He went in to watch the game, he said, and became so fascinated with the "craps" game that he became a frequenter of the place.

MAKES SENSATIONAL CHARGES.

Divorce Case at Nevada Causes Considerable Talk.

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Nevada, Aug. 12.—A compilation of matrimonial affairs which has been bothering Nevada gossip for some time has at last come to a head and will be aired in the next term of the district court. The case will be docketed "Edith Prior vs. John Prior, divorce and alimony." A series of charges, highly sensational, are alleged in the petition. She states that the defendant is guilty of extreme cruel and inhuman treatment toward her, is subject to extreme fits of anger and has threatened the life of herself and her father.

She also charges defendant with the

crime of adultery and names Mrs. Neva Mackey of this city as the woman who is partially responsible for her matrimonial troubles. This case has not been a great deal of talk during the past few months, all of the parties to the case being well known and of good families. The Mackey woman is the mother of two children and is living with her husband in this city.

CHILD CRUELY BEATEN.

A Fort Dodge Woman's Children May be Taken From Her Custody.

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Fort Dodge, Aug. 12.—Because of alleged inhuman treatment toward her children, action was brought in the police court this morning to have the 4-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter of Mrs. Ed. Myers, 722 West Mechanic street, placed in the custody of the American Home Finding association.

The attention of the police was directed to the affair by some of the neighbors, who said that the woman was beating her children in a cruel manner. The little girl Irene was found with her dress torn into strips by the lashes she had received from a whip or a strap. Her body was covered with bruises and there were a number of severe gashes on her back and arms, caused it is said by the blows inflicted by her mother. The case has not yet been decided.

OUTING FOR POOR

Half a Hundred Children From Chicago to be Entertained at Clinton in Mt. Pleasant Park, in Regular Camp Style.

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Clinton, Aug. 12.—Half a hundred poor children from Chicago will be entertained in Clinton during the last week in August, and a "fresh air" fund is being raised for their maintenance during their visit at Mt. Pleasant park, the beautiful grounds of the Mississippi Valley Spiritualists Association, in the western part of the city, which was tendered, free of cost, to the Chicago Bureau of Charities, to be occupied by the children after the summer camp meeting of the Spiritualists now in progress.

There are cottages at the park, camping and cooking utensils, and everything that would add to the comfort and convenience of the children, while sums of money will be raised by subscription to provide them with food during their week in Clinton. The Northwestern Railroad Company has offered to transport the children to this city, and the generous offer of the company has been accepted.

DRAFT WAS WORTHLESS.

A Dows Firm Beaten Out of \$45 by a Stranger.

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Iowa Falls, Aug. 12.—A clever swindler giving the name of A. Conklin dropped into Dows a few days ago and succeeded in cleaning up a few dollars by means of a worthless draft.

He visited the Burrows jewelry store and bought a watch, tendering a payment of \$45 on a draft for \$45 on the same bank. The bank being closed Williams and Beach were asked to cash the draft and did so. The same evening Conklin took the train east and a few days later the draft was returned from Chicago as worthless.

BEER JOINTS RAIDED.

Sheriff of Pocahontas Goes to Fondra and Finds One-half Carload Beer.

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Pocahontas, Iowa, Aug. 12.—Deputy Sheriff Charles Patten went to Fondra to raid the beer joints there and was successful in finding a half carload.

The restaurant and poolrooms have been raided and no slot machines or throwing of dice for the treat will be tolerated in the town of Pocahontas.

No gambling or gaming device will be tolerated during the street fair.

Section Foreman Killed.

Manchester, Aug. 12.—Grant Hook, of Thorpe, foreman of a section gang on the Great Western, was instantly killed

by Bishop Hennel, of Milwaukee, in 1871.

Orange City.

Judge Hutchinson, of Alton, has announced the resignation of his court reporter, Harry Gray, and the appointment of Chauncey W. Pitts, of Alton, to succeed him. Mr. Gray will take a similar position in the courts of his home county, at Fort Dodge.

Mr. Pitts is a son of G. W. Pitts, a prominent lawyer and banker in northwestern Iowa, and is only 20 years old.

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Lightning Strikes Woman and Two Boys as They Are Climbing Pike's Peak

THEIR HOME AT DES MOINES

All Three Were Rendered Unconscious and the Woman Was Burned About the Limbs—Rescued by Chance Passerby, They Recover and Resume Their Journey.

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Colorado Springs, Col., Aug. 12.—Mrs. L. M. Cadwall, and two sons, aged 15 and 10 years, of Des Moines, Iowa, went through the thrilling experience of being struck by lightning, on the side of Pike's Peak, and lived to complete the trip to the summit and back. They started to walk to the summit and at Windy they were overtaken by an electrical storm, when a sudden flash of lightning sent them to the ground unconscious. They were found by a man walking down the cog road, and taken to a nearby house, where they remained for the night. The woman was burned about the lower limbs, but was able to complete the walk to the summit this morning and returned here by train.

STATE CENTER DEFEATED.

Locals Lose to Union by a Score of 14 to 8.

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State Center, Aug. 12.—The Union base ball team, composed of men that know how to do things, dropped in here yesterday and administered a crushing defeat to the locals by a score of 14 to 8.

Our right fielder, Elmore, was nearly used up the last two innings, running thru corn fields and jumping fences, all about forty rods from the home base. The score shows what happened and nearly all the hits at the latter end went in right field.

Richards was in fine form for seven innings, the 14 scores made by the visitors being due to errors. Myers for Union was in the pitcher's box all the time, backed up by eight real ball players.

Score by innings: Union 1 0 0 0 2 1 5 5—14 State Center 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—8 Batteries—For State Center, Richards and Wessel; for Union, Myers and Humeaton. Umpire—L. Tate. Attendance—500.

DOUGHERTY DEFEATED.

Forest City Wins a Closely Contested Game.

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Forest City, Aug. 12.—Forest City defeated the Dougherty team on the local grounds by a score of 2 to 1. The game was played for a purse of \$150. Pitchers: Forest City, Isaacs; Dougherty, Noonan. Struck out by Isaacs, by Noonan, 6. A big crowd attended the game. This is the second time Forest City has beaten the hitherto invincible Dougherty aggregation.

Ackley 10; Iowa Falls, 9.

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